

Patient: _____

Canine Immunization Consent

Lake Harbin Animal Hospital

Immunizing your dog is an important procedure that in most cases will provide protection against an illness that may be life threatening. In past years, veterinarians have followed the vaccine manufacturer's guidelines and recommended annual revaccination for diseases that were felt to be a threat to our patients. Recent studies have shown that annual revaccination may not be necessary for some diseases because many dogs are protected for three years or longer when vaccinated. Although most dogs do not react adversely to vaccination, some have had allergic or other systemic reactions after receiving a vaccine. Rarely, the allergic reaction can be so profound that it may be life threatening. Certain immune mediated diseases in dogs may be triggered by the body's immune response to a vaccine.

Vaccinating your pet should not be taken lightly. Failure to vaccinate could result in your pet contracting a serious preventable disease. However, unnecessary vaccinations should be avoided. A decision to vaccinate should only come after your dog's age and the risk of exposure to disease are considered by you and your veterinarian. Vaccinations given at the appropriate age and at the appropriate intervals will greatly benefit your pet and protect it against some life threatening diseases.

Vaccines are considered "core" and "non-core." The **American Veterinary Medical Association** and **American Animal Hospital Association** recommend vaccine protocols that consider core and non-core vaccinations. All pets should receive core vaccinations with boosters at appropriate intervals (often every 3 years) to be determined by exposure risk related to your pet's life style. Non-core vaccinations should not be used routinely and are only administered if your pet's exposure risk warrants it, and are usually given yearly.

Please check-mark the following "core" vaccines to indicate your consent to vaccinate:

Canine Distemper
 Hepatitis

Parvovirus
 Rabies

Next, please consider the following and check all that apply to your pet:

Equally indoors/outdoors Primarily outdoors Always outdoors Travels out of the immediate home area (long walks, travel, car rides or trips) Has exposure to wildlife Has exposure to natural water (lake, stream, pond, etc.)

If you checked any of these items we recommend the following additional vaccines (check to indicate consent):

Coronavirus

Leptospirosis

If your pet is boarded or kenneled, is groomed frequently, visits "doggie daycare," dog parks, or dog shows regularly, we recommend the following vaccines (check to indicate consent):

Bordatella (Kennel Cough)

Canine Influenza

If ticks are a problem for your pet, consider vaccinating for Lyme Disease. (Check to indicate consent):

Lyme

Signature: _____ Date: _____